



**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
MIDDLETOWN CONNECTICUT  
MAY 4, 2015**

The Special meeting Questions to Directors of the Common Council of the City of Middletown was held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building on Monday, May 4, 2015 at 6 p.m.

**Present**

Deputy Mayor Robert P. Santangelo and Council Members Hope Kasper, Carl R. Chisem, Gerald E. Daley, James B. Streeto, Sebastian N. Giuliano, Sandra Russo Driska, Deborah Kleckowski and David Bauer; Sergeant-at-arms Police Chief William McKenna; and Common Council Clerk Marie O. Norwood.

**Absent**

Mayor Daniel T. Drew; Council Members Thomas J. Serra, Mary A. Bartolotta, Grady L. Faulkner, Jr., and Corporation Counsel Daniel B. Ryan.

**Also Present**

Public Works Director William Russo, Finance Director Carl Erlacher, Acting Director of IT Eldon Bailey, Water and Sewer Director Guy Russo, Parking Director Geen Thazhampallath, City Attorney Brig Smith, Chief of Police William McKenna, Acting Parks and Recreation Acting Director Deb Stanley, Tax Assessor Damon Braasch, Fire Chief Robert Kronenberger, Director of Communications Wayne Bartolotta, Planning, Conservation and Development Director Michiel Wackers, Director of Human Relations Faith Jackson Arts Coordinator Stephan Allison, City and Town Clerk Linda Bettencourt, Emergency Management Director George Dunn, Russell Library Director Arthur Meyers, Youth Services Coordinator Justin Carbonella, Joseph Samolis Administrative Aide to the Mayor and two members of the public.

**1. Mayor calls meeting to order at 6 p.m.**

**(Pledge of Allegiance)**

The Acting Chair opens the meeting at 6 p.m. and leads the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**(Council Clerk Reads the Call of the Meeting and Mayor declares call a legal call and meeting a legal meeting.)**

The Acting Chair requests the Clerk to read the call of the meeting. He declares the call a legal call and the meeting a legal meeting.

**2. Questions to Directors Opens**

The Acting Chair opens the public comment at 6:01 and asks if there are any members who have questions for directors.

Councilman Bauer asks to address questions to the Director of Public Works, William Russo. Councilman Bauer asks on the transfers for specialized vehicle services; can you give us an idea of what it entailed. Mr. Russo responds it was from the appropriation request you approved and we had to move the money. Councilman Bauer asks for more information and what kind of wear and tear it put on the equipment. Mr. Russo states you get a lot of things, tires plows, wiper motors. Anything can go.

**Noted for the Record**

Councilwoman Russo Driska takes her seat at 6:03 p.m.

Councilman Bauer asks if there were any major breakdowns. Director William Russo replies we do and you see them on the older trucks. That is why I advocate for our CNR. We use them for 18 or twenty years.

Councilman Chisem asks to address questions to Michiel Wackers. He asks on the block grants for 2015; are you satisfied with them or should there be changes. Mr. Wackers replies these are the recommendations from the CAC and they are a solid recommendation. Everyone gets something. Some of the public service ones may be challenge to do some of the programs. He would like to keep the integrity of the CAC's recommendations. Councilman Chisem just wants to

make sure he is satisfied with the recommendations. Mr. Wackers states it covers most of the programs.

**3. Questions to Directors Closes.**

**4. Meeting adjourned.**

Councilman James B. moves to adjourn. Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski seconds the motion. The chair calls for the vote. It is 8 aye votes by Councilwoman Hope P. Kasper, Councilman Carl R. Chisem, Councilman Gerald E. Daley, Councilman James B. Streeto, Councilman Sebastian N. Giuliano, Councilwoman Sandra Russo Driska, Councilwoman Deborah A. Kleckowski, Councilman David Bauer; 0 nay votes and 3 absent by Councilman Thomas J. Serra, Councilwoman Mary A. Bartolotta, and Councilman Grady L. Faulkner, Jr. The Acting Chair states the matter carried with 8 affirmative votes, 0 in opposition and 3 absent.

ATTEST:

MARIE O. NORWOOD  
COMMON COUNCIL CLERK